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PATENT APPLICATION

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For: LOW-LEAKAGE VALVE APPARATUS : Examiner: Fristoe, J., Jr..

AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Commissioner for Patents Post Office Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

Please act on the referenced application, and enter amendments thereto, as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.